

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday October 27, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- Sign Orders
- Approve minutes from October 13, 2020
- Other business

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Darren Pion

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on October 27, 2020

Board members present:

Richard Pion-Chm, Alden Warner, Darren Pion

Christy Pion-Town Clerk

Priscilla Matten-Treasurer

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

Guest Via Zoom Meeting:

- ❖ Laura Stone-VTrans Scoping Engineer
- ❖ Rob Young- VTrans Project Manager
- ❖ Trip Wileman-Fire Department member

Sign Orders:

- ❖ Orders were approved and signed by the Board unanimously for the Treasurer

Minutes for October 13, 2020:

- ❖ Minutes for October 13, 2020 were approved and signed by the Board unanimously

Other Business:

- ❖ A special presentation was set up to happen during this meeting after the meeting agenda had already been posted. The special presentation via zoom was regarding the Regional Concerns Meeting for bridge # 237. The presentation was put on by Laura Stone, and Rob Young, and is available for viewing in the Town Clerk's office in paper form. His project is proposed to start spring of 2023.
- ❖ During the presentation Alden expressed his concerns of the MBI trucks (garbage haulers) taking the alternate route due to the heaviness of them. He felt that it would do unnecessary damage to the newly paved Mines road. Rob young answered the concern with that he would make sure that it that any damage done would be budgeted into the cost to make sure this was maintained and fixed if any damage is done.
- ❖ There is also concern of high traffic during this project for we are not sure of when the Rte. 58 temporary bridge replacement bridge will be taken out and replaced with the permanent one. Laura Stone assured us that she will take that into consideration when planning the culvert bridge replacement for bridge # 237 over unnamed brook.

- ❖ Priscilla announced that a check, in the amount of \$20,755.98 has been received from the state. She thought it might be the funds from TH- Funding, but the backup did not really disclose whether it was for that, or for the 4th qtr. State funding for class 2 and 3 roads. The anticipated check amounts are so similar that she needs to verify which it is.
- ❖ Insurance discussion- Town insurance through VLCT. Priscilla noted to the Board that we needed to know the value of the contents inside the building for insurance purposes. We were advised by VLCT to have an itemized listing of all the contents in the Clerk's office, library as well as, the Town Garage. Priscilla is also going to double check with VLCT to make sure the Road commissioner's tools are covered by the insurance, in case of a fire in the building.
- ❖ Priscilla brought to the Boards attention a question that was asked by the Ploof's on their property taxes. The question was: could they be excused from paying the penalty and interest charges on their taxes in return for the work they did on the Lamphere bridge on Lamphere road. The Board suggested that Priscilla speak with Mr. Ploof about what he thought the work was worth in cost, being that he is a contractor, and then could make the decision herself on weather this should be waived. Otherwise, the Board had no problem with her doing this for them on these terms. Priscilla will also contact the BCA should complete approval be needed.
- ❖ Priscilla spoke to the Board, on her own behalf, and notified them of her plan to resign as Town Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector and Ass't Town Clerk. She did not give a date of resignation, as she told the Board she would stay until her replacement was fully trained. She asked the Board for permission to be part of the hiring process, including the interviews. They all agreed that would be okay. There will be an ad put in the paper, after election week is over, with no deadline of applying for the position until after the position has been filled.
- ❖ The Road commissioner reminded the Clerk that the Right of way ad needed to be posted in the paper. The Clerk told him the ad would be sent to the paper the next day. It will be posted in both the Newport Daily and the Barton Chronicle.
- ❖ Priscilla updated the Board of the income that has been received for both the Town forest and Gelo Park.
- ❖ Darren noted that Gerald Fortin will no longer be using the Town pit for his mulch business. He has sold his company to Green Mountain Mulch.
- ❖ Trip Wileman joined the meeting to discuss a Note of Assignment for the L.V.F.D. He discussed this with the Lowell Selectboard. The details of this discussion are as follows: The Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc reorganized as a 501(c)3 charity in 2019, the LVFD, Inc. At tonight's Selectboard meeting the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc, in preparation of dissolution, assigned a note in the amount \$42,300 from the LVFD, Inc. to the Town of Lowell. The Selectmen then assigned the note to the LVFD, Inc in furtherance of the services it provides the town. (See Attachment A)

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order # 51	\$	1,284.52
➤ General Order # 52	\$	841.97
➤ General Order # 53	\$	376,373.02
➤ Payroll Order # 41	\$	6,169.26

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - **\$ 384,668.77**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: October 27, 2020 at the Town Office Building

Richard Pion- Chairman

Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Darren Pion